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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 3807

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FOR THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ISRAELI REPORTS OF AN AMERICAN "PEACE PLAN"

YOU ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE OF THE STORIES NOW CIRCULATING
WIDELY IN ISRAEL ABOUT AN ALLEGED AMERICAN "PEACE PLAN", AND
THE ANGUISHED REACTIONS THEY ARE ELICITING. TODAY'S DESPATCH FROM
DAN MARGOLIT, HA'ARETZ'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, SAYS THAT
SIMCHA DINITZ WILL RAISE THE SUBJECT IN YOUR MEETING
WITH HIM SATURDAY MORNING.

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THOUGH REPEATEDLY AND CATEGORICALLY DENIED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND
BY THIS EMBASSY, THE STORY GAINS CURRENCY HERE DAILY. HA'ARETZ
DOGGEDLY REASSERTS THE ACCURACY OF ITS INFORMATION, AND STEADILY
ADDS MORE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE. A HA'ARETZ EDITOR TOLD
ME WEDNESDAY NIGHT THEY WOULD STICK BY IT BECAUSE THEY KNEW
IT CAME FROM A "VERY SENIOR WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL" WHO

DESCRIBED OUR "PRINCIPLE FOR A SETTLEMENT" TO DINITZ IN VERY GREAT DETAIL, WHICH HE PROMPTLY TRANSMITTED TO JERUSALEM.

I AM CONFIDENT I CAN DEPEND ON YOUR ASSURANCE BEFORE I LEFT THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD KEEP ME FULLY INFORMED OF IMPORTANT CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON SO THAT I COULD AVOID CROSSING ANY WIRES INADVERTANTLY WITH ADMINISTRATION POLICY. BUT SOMETHING ODD HAS BEEN GOING ON IN THIS CASE. AND I THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO UNDERSCORE THE UNFAILING ISRAELI PROPENSITY TO LEAK ALMOST ANYTHING GIVEN THEM IN CONFIDENCE TO THEIR OWN PRESS WITHIN HOURS, IF NOT MINUTES. THAT PROPENSITY IS HEIGHTENED JUST NOW BY THE UTTER POLITICAL CHAOS HERE IN THE WAKE OF THE ELECTION. EVERYONE IN THE GOVERNMENT, AND ESPECIALLY THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE, IS JOCKEYING FOR POSITION WITH THE NEW BEGIN TEAM - AND THE ISRAELI PRESS IS AN EAGER ALLY.

WITH APOLOGIES FOR THE QUIP, I AM NOT TRYING TO HORN IN ON ANYONE'S GAME. BUT I DO NEED TO KNOW THE SCORE.
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